

REMARKS

I. Restriction and Species Election Requirement

The Examiner restricted pending claims 1-17, 29, and 35 of the application into the following two groups:

- Group I: Claims 1-17 and 29, drawn to a method of treating or preventing inflammation by administering an antibody that binds TNF-gamma-beta protein; and
- Group II: Claim 35, drawn to a method of killing a cell of hematopoietic origin by contacting the cell with a TNF-gamma-beta protein.

In response, Applicants elect Group I, drawn to a method of treating or preventing inflammation by administering an antibody that binds TNF-gamma-beta protein, with traverse. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that the search and examination of the two groups of claims is not unduly burdensome to the Examiner.

In addition, the Examiner required Applicants to elect a single species from the following: (a) inflammatory bowel disease; (b) encephalitis; (c) atherosclerosis; (d) psoriasis; and (e) graft versus host disease. In response, Applicants elect “(a) inflammatory bowel disease.” Applicants presume that the species election is made to assist the Examiner in searching the invention, and that the Examiner will follow the procedures delineated in MPEP 809.02(c).

II. Conclusion

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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